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Akiak Low Earth Orbit Broadband Project -Public Notice

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This public notice announces availability of environmental review documents for public review, and a request to the public for comments related to the proposed development of a low earth orbit broadband project in Akiak, Alaska.

The Akiak Native Community (tribe) proposes building a temporary 60-foot tower, an electronics shelter and perimeter fencing at a site adjacent to the community clinic. In addition, the proposed broadband project, if future funding is secured, will include construction of a 150-foot permanent tower in the same location and a community broadband/resource center (likely located near the tribal office building). Two environmental review documents, as part of a larger tiered environmental review process, are inclusive of this public notice on the proposed Akiak broadband project.

- Amendment No. 1 to the Akiak Broad Review Environmental Assessment Akiak Home Relocation and Managed Retreat Project and Other Disaster Related Infrastructure Development.
- Site Specific Environmental Assessment Akiak Low Earth Orbit Broadband Infrastructure Development

Public comments will be provided to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) so that the agency may consider the comments in their determination for a finding of no significant impact for broadband improvements related to the proposed site adjacent to the community clinic. A separate federal agency will have environmental oversight for the proposed community broadband/resource center to be constructed in a location other than the site adjacent to the community clinic.

Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the Akiak tribal offices and may be examined or copied weekdays 9A.M to 4P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the referenced ERR documents to Mr. Michael P. Williams, Sr., Akiak Tribal Chief (907-765-7112, mwilliams19522004@yahoo.com). All comments received by October 11, 2021 (Monday) will be forwarded by the tribe to the FCC.

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